

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 2192  
PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 09700.0046-00  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Reiner HAMMERICH et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2192  
Application No.: 10/676,825 ) Examiner: Dao, T.  
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For: VALIDATING PROGRAMS ) Confirmation No.: 3059

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed June 18, 2008, the period for response to which extends through September 18, 2008, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose to amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.